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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council From: Brian W. Silcott, City Administrator Cc: Department Directors & Staff

Re: City Administrator Report for the May 15<sup>th</sup> Regular City Council Meeting

Date: May 15, 2017

Below is a brief update on projects and future agenda items for the City.

<u>Goddard Gathering</u>: Staff is working on a community movie night for the second quarter Goddard Gathering. More information will be provided as this program evolves.

<u>False Alarm & Address Ordinances</u>: These ordinances were planned to be presented at tonight's meeting for review and comment. The draft ordinances afford residential and commercial alarm customers a simplified three strikes per year before fines are assessed. Staff will also present a draft ordinance for discussion on requiring homes and businesses to have address numbering clearly visible from the street.

<u>2016 Audit</u>: The auditor Randy Ford will present the 2016 audit to the Governing Body at the June 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

<u>First Impressions Presentation</u>: We will receive its report from Kansas State Extension Service from the Louisburg participants will be later this summer.

<u>2017 YTD Water Loss</u>: The City's monthly water reports currently reflect an item of concern regarding water loss. In 2017 the City's water loss has crept up to above 10% each month except for March. Staff is working to ascertain the possible cause of the loss but concern is focused on miles of water line with fire hydrants that can be accessed by commercial vehicles without knowledge of the City. Staff will present additional information on this issue in July.

<u>Housing Activity</u>: Director of Community Development Tim Johnson reports that the City currently has 31 homes and buildable lots for sale with 3 rental homes for sale. The City has 29 lots with public improvements in St Andrews and Elk Ridge Additions that are ready to build. With the activity in St Andrews Fourth addition the City will soon have an additional 53 lots available for purchase in 2017.

<u>Active Code Enforcement Cases</u>: The City currently has two dozen (24) active code cases with violations ranging from high grass and weeds to junk vehicles, and even a dead tree that should be removed as a public danger.

<u>City Public Space Mowing</u>: The City continues to monitor the progress with the mowing contractor, who has yet to complete all of the required mowing. The City has 38.1 acres for mowing with 29.42 acres being completed for the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>.

<u>Ordinances Related to Fireworks</u>: Staff will present an ordinance related to tent set up and regulation at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will establish when tents can be set up and when they must be removed by as well as including restrictions on the number of tents a non-profit can operate, and signage requirements displaying the hours fireworks can be lawfully discharged.

183rd Street Pathway: Staff will present a project authorization at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. This item is included in the 2017 CIP.

<u>Splash Pad & Pavilion</u>: The CMAR agreement for the splash pad & pavilion, this item is a work in progress and will be presented on the June 5<sup>th</sup> agenda.

<u>Wildlife in Town</u>: The City is receiving reports of either coyotes or foxes running at large in the overnight hours. Neighbors have complained about cats and pet food placed outside for cats is being eaten by the varmints. Staff will dust off the urban/rural interface education campaign to educate neighbors on the attractive nuisance our yards and homes can make for Kansas wildlife.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian W. Silcott, City Administrator

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

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- May 18<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.) Park Board Meeting 6pm City Council Chambers
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tues.) Municipal Court 7pm City Council Chambers
- May 25<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.) Activities Committee 7pm Pathway Church
- May 29th (Mon.) Memorial Day City Offices Closed
- June 5<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) Regular City Council Meeting 7pm City Council Chambers
- June 8<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.) Chamber of Commerce Meeting Noon Pizza Hut